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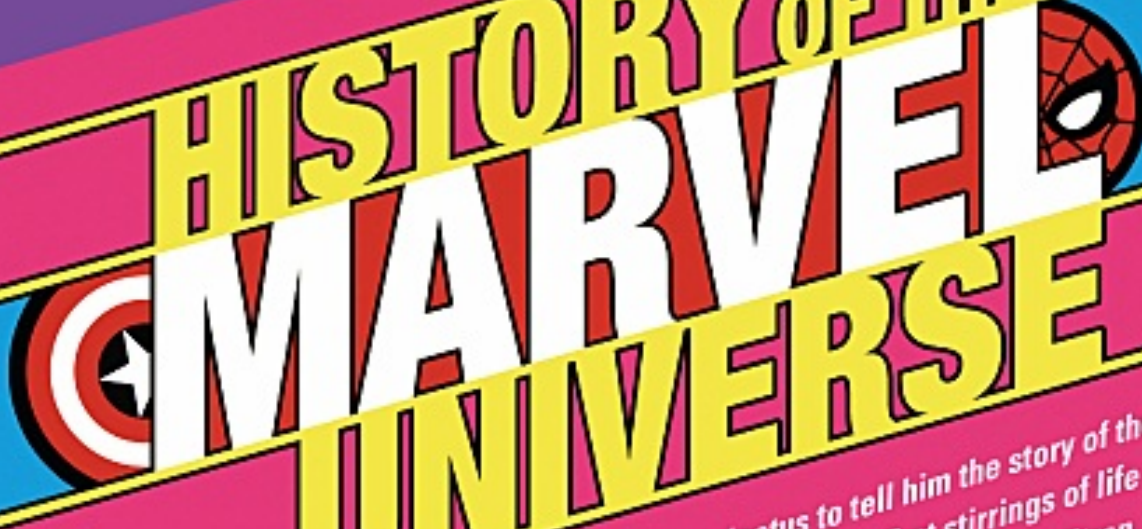
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At the end of existence, Franklin Richards asked Galactus to tell him the story of their universe as they wait for its heat death. Galactus began with the first stirrings of life and left off with the Avengers' battle against Hank Pym's malevolent creation Ultron. Now, the story continues...

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I AM LOSING  
COHESION. THE END--  
THE BEGINNING--IS NEARLY  
UPON US. PREPARE  
YOURSELF.

I...I'M  
NOT READY TO  
LET GO...

I CAN BUY  
TIME...CREATE  
SOMETHING  
NEW...

FROM  
WHAT?

EVEN YOU  
REQUIRE BUILDING  
BLOCKS. THERE ARE  
NONE LEFT.

YOU COME  
FROM A LEGENDARY  
FAMILY OF EXPLORERS.  
FRANKLIN  
RICHARDS.

YOU WERE  
BORN TO FACE  
THE UNKNOWN.  
EMBRACE YOUR  
FATE.

IN THE  
MEANTIME,  
I SHALL  
CONTINUE...

...WHILE  
I AM STILL  
ABLE.



WHEN THE AVENGERS DEPARTED EARTH TO FACE THE BUILDERS, AN ANCIENT AND POWERFUL RACE OF GALACTIC ENSLAVERS, THANOS AND HIS BLACK ORDER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR ABSENCE TO ATTACK THE PLANET.

THANOS' OBJECTIVE WAS TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY HIS SON, THANE--PROGENY OF THE MAD TITAN AND AN INHUMAN WOMAN--WHOSE VERY PRESENCE BROUGHT DEATH.


THANOS WAS UNAWARE THAT THE RETURNING AVENGERS HAD LIBERATED ENTIRE ARMIES FROM THE BUILDERS' CONTROL, ARMIES NOW UNITED IN THEIR GOAL OF TOPPLING THANOS, WHOM THANE SUBSEQUENTLY IMPRISONED IN A COFFIN OF AMBER.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THANOS DESTROYED THE CITY OF ATTILAN, AS A RESULT, ITS TERRIGEN MISTS SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD, MUTATING ANYONE WHOSE ANCESTORS HAD MATED WITH INHUMANS AND THUS CARRIED A RECESSIVE INHUMAN GENE.

THE MOST NOTABLE TERRIGENESIS TURNED PAKISTANI AMERICAN TEENAGER KAMALA KHAN INTO THE SIZE- AND SHAPE-CHANGING MS. MARVEL.







NICK FURY, IN HIS SECRET ROLE AS THE MAN ON THE WALL, CONFRONTED UATU TO DEMAND THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAD PLUNDERED THE WATCHER'S ARSENAL. UATU'S VOW OF NONINTERFERENCE, HOWEVER, BOUND HIM TO SECRECY DESPITE THE IMMINENT PERIL TO EARTH PRESENTED BY THE MISSING WEAPONS.


WITH COUNTLESS LIVES IN DANGER AND BELIEVING HIMSELF TO HAVE NO OTHER OPTION, FURY DID THE UNTHINKABLE: HE MURDERED UATU AND TOOK HIS EYE, WHICH CONTAINED THE SUM OF THE WATCHER'S VAST KNOWLEDGE.

AWARE HE FACED RETRIBUTION BY EARTH'S HEROES FOR HIS ACT OF HOMICIDE REGARDLESS OF ITS MOTIVE, FURY DISTRACTED THEM BY PRETENDING TO LEAD THE MURDER INVESTIGATION HIMSELF UNTIL THE ARSENAL'S THIEVES--DOCTOR MIDAS AND THE ORB--COULD BE IDENTIFIED AND APPREHENDED.

ONCE THE AVENGERS BEGAN TO SUSPECT THEY HAD BEEN DECEIVED, THEIR MOONSIDED CONFRONTATION WITH FURY TOOK AN ESPECIALLY HEAVY TOLL ON THOR, ESCAPING THE AVENGERS, FURY GOADED MIDAS INTO DESTROYING HIMSELF IN A BLAST THAT SEEMED TO CLAIM FURY AS WELL.

HIS FORMER FRIENDS WERE UNAWARE THAT FURY HAD INSTEAD ABSORBED UATU'S POWERS AND BECOME THE NEW WATCHER OF EARTH: THE UNSEEN.





DURING BATTLE, FURY  
HAD DEFEATED THOR  
MERELY BY WHISPERING  
THREE WORDS:  
"GORR WAS RIGHT."

IT WAS A REFERENCE TO  
ONE OF THOR'S GREATEST  
ENEMIES, A FOE WHO HAD  
INSISTED THAT NO GOD,  
INCLUDING THE ASGARDIANS  
AND THOR HIMSELF, WAS AS  
WORTHY OF VENERATION AND  
POWER AS THEY HAD BELIEVED  
THEMSELVES TO BE.

POISONED BY  
DOUBT, THOR FOUND  
HIMSELF UNABLE TO  
LIFT MJOLNIR.

INSTEAD, THE HAMMER  
WAS CLAIMED BY  
**DR. JANE FOSTER**,  
ONE OF THOR'S EARLIEST  
MIDGARDIAN FRIENDS.

THOR HAD BEEN  
HEALTHY; JANE WAS NOT.  
HER BODY WAS RAVAGED  
BY CANCER, AND EACH  
TRANSFORMATION INTO THE  
NEW THOR SHORTENED  
HER MORTAL LIFE.

ANOTHER HERO SIMILARLY PASSED  
HIS MANTLE, THOUGH UNDER  
BRIGHTER CIRCUMSTANCES. DURING  
A BATTLE WITH THE **IRON NAIL**, THE  
SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM WITHIN **STEVE  
ROGERS'** BODY WAS NEUTRALIZED,  
CAUSING HIM TO AGE RAPIDLY.

PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO  
MAINTAIN HIS BATTLEFIELD  
PROWESS, ROGERS  
APPOINTED **SAM WILSON**  
--FORMERLY ROGERS'  
PARTNER **THE FALCON**--  
AS HIS REPLACEMENT.



FOR A TIME, SPIDER-MAN'S CONSCIOUSNESS WAS REPLACED BY THAT OF HIS FOE DOCTOR OTTO OCTAVIUS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS DOCTOR OCTOPUS.

RATHER THAN USE HIS NEW IDENTITY FOR VILLAINY, OCTAVIUS--EVER ARROGANT--STROVE TO PROVE THAT HE WAS WORTHIER OF SPIDER-MAN'S ABILITIES. A *SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN*.

PSYCHIC VAMPIRE MORLUN AND HIS FAMILY, *THE INHERITORS*, BEGAN A KILLING SPREE THAT ENCOMPASSED THE ENTIRE MULTIVERSE.

THEIR GOAL WAS TO SLAUGHTER EVERY ALTERNATE-UNIVERSE COUNTERPART TO SPIDER-MAN AND FEED UPON THE TOTEMISTIC FORCES THAT MORLUN CLAIMED GAVE THEM THEIR POWERS.

THOUGH THE TRANSPOSITION WAS EVENTUALLY REVERSED, OCTAVIUS LIVED ON IN A BODY CLONED FROM A HYBRID OF PARKER'S DNA AND HIS OWN.

INSTEAD, SPIDER-MAN TOOK THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY, BACKED BY AN ARMY OF PARALLEL-WORLD COUNTERPARTS. THEIR INITIAL BATTLE ENDED WITH MORLUN AND THE INHERITORS EXILED TO A BARREN ALTERNATE EARTH VOID OF LIFE.

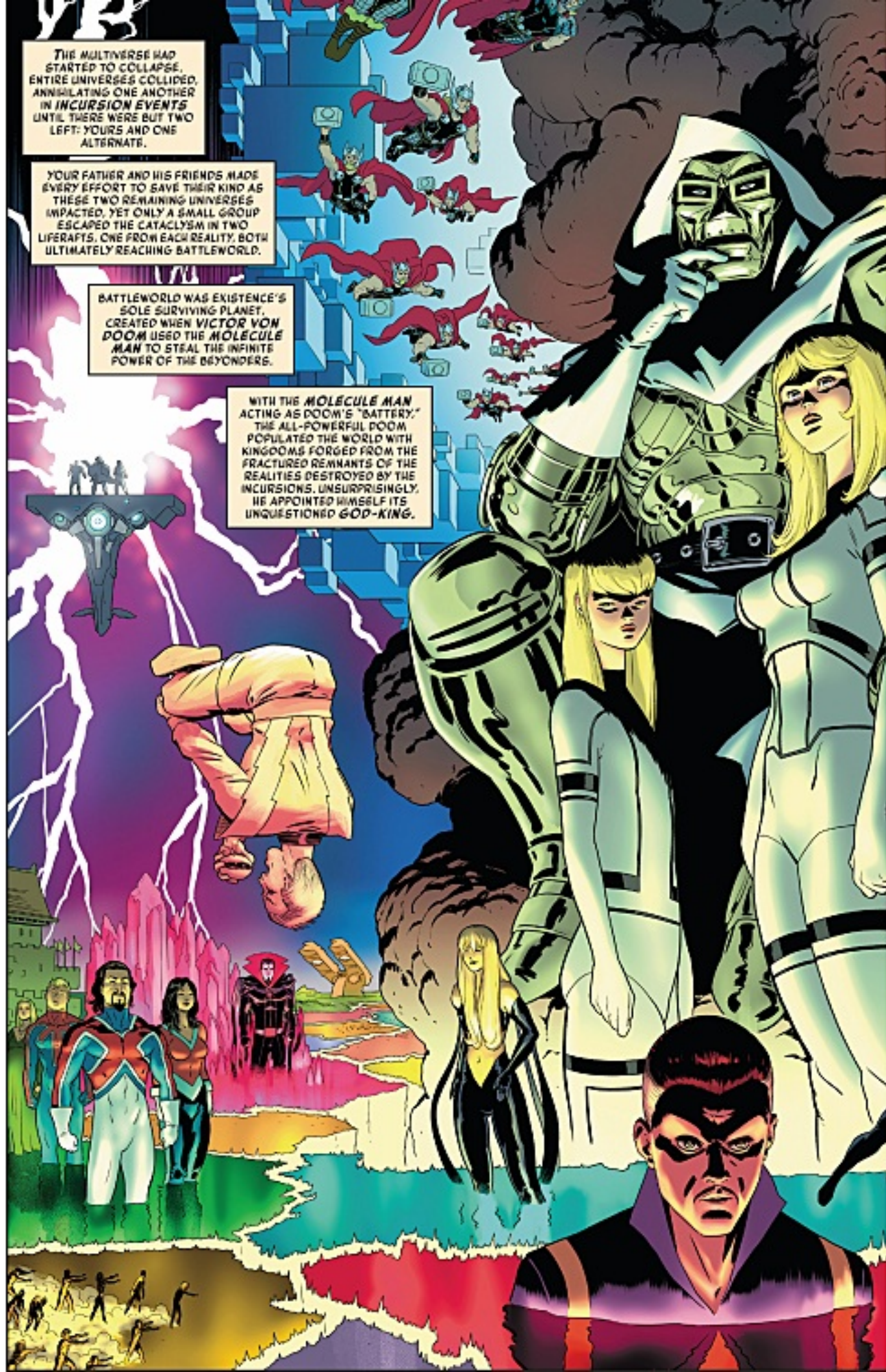


THE MULTIVERSE HAD STARTED TO COLLAPSE. ENTIRE UNIVERSES COLLIDED, ANNIHILATING ONE ANOTHER IN INCURSION EVENTS UNTIL THERE WERE BUT TWO LEFT: YOURS AND ONE ALTERNATE.

YOUR FATHER AND HIS FRIENDS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR KIND AS THESE TWO REMAINING UNIVERSES IMPACTED, YET ONLY A SMALL GROUP ESCAPED THE CATASTROPHY IN TWO LIFERAFTS, ONE FROM EACH REALITY, BOTH ULTIMATELY REACHING BATTLEWORLD.

BATTLEWORLD WAS EXISTENCE'S SOLE SURVIVING PLANET, CREATED WHEN VICTOR VON DOOM USED THE MOLECULE MAN TO STEAL THE INFINITE POWER OF THE BEYONDERS.

WITH THE MOLECULE MAN ACTING AS DOOM'S "BATTERY," THE ALL-POWERFUL DOOM POPULATED THE WORLD WITH KINGDOMS FORGED FROM THE FRACTURED REMNANTS OF THE REALITIES DESTROYED BY THE INCURSIONS. UNSURPRISINGLY, HE APPOINTED HIMSELF ITS UNQUESTIONED GOD-KING.





OTHER THAN DOOM, YOUR FATHER'S GROUP OF SURVIVORS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS--LED BY A DARK VERSION OF RICHARDS KNOWN AS *MAKER*--WERE THE ONLY BEINGS WHO REMEMBERED THEIR PAST EXISTENCE. ALL OTHERS UNDER DOOM'S RULE HAD NO MEMORY OF A LIFE BEFOREHAND.

WORKING TOGETHER, BOTH GROUPS SLOWLY BUILT A RESISTANCE ARMY, BUT THEIR EFFORTS AT REBELLION GAINED NO PURCHASE UNTIL *SPIDER-MAN* AND HIS COUNTERPART DISCOVERED THE MOLECULE MAN, STILL TEEMING WITH THE BEYONDERS' POWER.

ULTIMATELY, IT WAS THE MOLECULE MAN WHO GAVE YOUR FATHER VICTORY. CONFRONTED WITH THE TRUTH THAT DOOM HAD USED THE GIFT OF INFINITE POWER IN SUCH A PETTY AND VENAL MANNER, MOLECULE MAN TRANSFERRED IT TO RICHARDS, WHO THEN USED IT TO RESTORE THE UNIVERSE HE KNEW--WHICH WOULD NOW BE HOME TO THE MAKER AND SPIDER-MAN'S COUNTERPART AS WELL.

WITH THE AID OF YOU AND YOUR SISTER, *VALERIA*, RICHARDS AND HIS *FUTURE FOUNDATION* BEGAN REBUILDING LOST REALITIES AND CONSTRUCTING NEW ONES ON A JOURNEY THAT SPANNED THE BREADTH OF TIME AND EXISTENCE.





CHO'S FRIEND **CINDY MOON** HAD BEEN BITTEN BY THE SAME SPIDER THAT GAVE PETER PARKER HIS POWERS. SHE USED HERS UNDER THE CODENAME **SILK**.

**SAM ALEXANDER**, LIKE HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM, WAS AN EARTHLING ENLISTED IN THE INTERSTELLAR NOVA CORPS AS THE PROTECTOR NOVA.

**RIRI WILLIAMS, A  
BRILLIANT YOUNG ENGINEERING  
STUDENT, AMAZED IRON MAN  
BY CONSTRUCTING ARMOR  
TO EMULATE--AND RIVAL--HIS  
OWN. SHE CALLED HERSELF  
IRONHEART.**

**VIV VISION WAS A SYNTHETOID CREATED BY THE VISION TO BE HIS DAUGHTER--LIKE HIM, POSSESSING THE POWERS OF DENSITY MANIPULATION, SOLAR RADIATION ABSORPTION AND HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTION AND CAMOUFLAGE.**

**NADIA VAN DYNE** RECREATED THE TECHNOLOGY OF HER FATHER, **HANK PYM**, TO BECOME THE **WASP**, AGENT OF **G.I.R.L.** -- GENIUS IN ACTION RESEARCH LABS.



GHOST-SPIDER CAME FROM AN ALTERNATE TIMELINE IN WHICH PETER PARKER'S SPIDER BITE HAPPENED TO GWEN STACY INSTEAD. UNLIKE PARKER, SHE TRAVELED THE MULTIVERSE FREQUENTLY.


ANOTHER HERO NOT NATIVE TO YOUR UNIVERSE WAS GWEN POOLE--OR GWENPOOL.

A BOISTEROUS WOMAN WHO ARRIVED FROM AN ALTERNATE EARTH WHERE MANY OF THE SECRETS OF YOUR SUPERHUMAN COMMUNITY WERE COMMON KNOWLEDGE. GWENPOOL LOVED LITTLE BETTER THAN TO BEND THE LAWS OF REALITY TO HER WILL.

LAURA KINNEY, A YOUNG FEMALE CLONE OF WOLVERINE, WAS SUCCESSFULLY CREATED FOLLOWING HER MAKER'S 22 FAILED ATTEMPTS--THUS CODENAMED "X-23." FOR A TIME, SHE STEPPED INTO WOLVERINE'S SHOES.

THANKS TO TERRIGENESIS, LUNELLA LAFAYETTE, OR MOON GIRL--ALREADY THE SMARTEST HUMAN ALIVE--COULD SWAP MINDS WITH HER CONSTANT COMPANION. A REFUGEE FROM AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE KNOWN AS DEVIL DINOSAUR.





MEANWHILE, THE TERRIGEN MISTS CONTINUED TO SPREAD ACROSS THE PLANET, THOUGH THE MISTS WERE CRITICAL TO CREATING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF INHUMANS. THEY PROVED TOXIC TO MUTANTS AND THREATENED TO RENDER EARTH UNINHABITABLE FOR THEM.

WITH NO TIME FOR NEGOTIATION, THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO RACES ERUPTED IN A BRUTAL WAR THAT ENDED ONLY AFTER BOTH SIDES REALIZED THAT THE CONFLICT HAD BEEN TRIGGERED BY A MENTALLY IMBALANCED EMMA FROST.

ONCE MEDUSA LEARNED WHAT WAS AT STAKE FOR THE MUTANTS, SHE DESTROYED THE TERRIGEN ON HER OWN, PURPOSEFULLY ENDANGERING THE FUTURE OF HER PEOPLE SO THAT THE MUTANTS WOULD LIVE.





CAPTAIN AMERICA THEN LED EARTH'S HEROES TO OVERTHROW HYDRA, RESTORING LIBERTY AND JUSTICE WHERE THERE HAD BEEN ONLY TYRANNY AND CORRUPTION.





THE AVENGERS UNITED AGAINST LOKI, THE HORDE AND THE FINAL HOST--DARK CELESTIALS INFECTED BY THE HORDE WHO HAD SLAIN ALL LIVING CELESTIALS.

HUMANITY'S ONLY SALVATION LAY IN THE AVENGERS' MAD GAMBIT TO FORM A *UNI-MIND*, WITH WHICH THEY RENDERED THE HORDE DORMANT AND REVIVED THE CELESTIALS TO FIGHT BY THEIR SIDE.

TO REWARD THE AVENGERS, THE CELESTIALS UNEARTHED THE CORPSE OF THE LONG-FORGOTTEN *PROGENITOR CELESTIAL* TO SERVE AS THE TEAM'S NEW TOWERING MOUNTAIN HEADQUARTERS.

AFTER YEARS SPENT EXPLORING THE EDGES OF EXISTENCE, YOUR REALITY-WARPING POWERS BECAME TEMPORARILY DEPLETED, AND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY RETURNED HOME.

YANCY ST



**MALEKITH THE ACCURSED,** RULER OF THE DARK ELVES OF SVARTALFHEIM, WAGED A WAR OF THE REALMS, MARCHING HIS ARMY ACROSS THE TEN REALMS AND CONQUERING NINE BEFORE DESCENDING UPON THE LAST--YOURS, MIDGARD.

ALLIED WITH THE FROST GIANTS, THE FIRE GOBLINS, ULIK AND HIS ROCK TROLLS, KURSE, MINOTAUR, THE ENCHANTRESS AND MANY OTHERS, MALEKITH WAS OPPOSED BY PERHAPS THE GREATEST ASSEMBLAGE THIS FAR OF EARTH'S HEROES AND VANQUISHED BY THOR AND HIS THOR CORPS, A TEAM OF ALTERNATE-VERSION THUNDER GODS FROM THROUGHOUT SPACE-TIME.

AS PEACE WAS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE REALMS, ODIN PROUDLY SURRENDERED HIS THRONE TO HIS SON, DECLARING THOR TO BE ASGARD'S NEW ALL-FATHER.

DURING THE BATTLE, JANE FOSTER HAD BEEN USING A PARALLEL-UNIVERSE VERSION OF THE HAMMER MJOLNIR. ONCE THE WAR WAS WON, IT RE-FORMED ITSELF INTO **UNDJARN THE ALL-WEAPON**, A GOLDEN VAMBRACE ON HER ARM CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING INTO ANY WEAPON OR TOOL FOSTER COULD IMAGINE.

ASTRIDE HER WINGED HORSE, PEGASUS, SHE BECAME **VALKYRIE**, ANGEL OF ASGARD.



**PROFESSOR XAVIER AND MAGNETO**  
AT LONG LAST FORGED THE PEACEFUL  
PARTNERSHIP THAT HAD ALWAYS ELUDED  
THEM. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF **MOIRA**  
**MACTAGGART**, THEY TURNED THE LIVING  
ISLAND OF **KRAKOA** INTO A NATION-STATE  
HOME FOR ALL MUTANTS REGARDLESS OF  
THEIR PAST ALLEGIANCES, FORCING THE  
X-MEN TO LIVE IN HARMONY UNDER STRICT  
GOVERNANCE ALONGSIDE SOME OF  
THEIR GREATEST PAST FOES.

IT WAS A NEW GOLDEN AGE FOR THE  
HOMO SUPERIOR RACE. **KRAKOA**  
MAINTAINED INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES  
BY TRADING LIFE-BENEFITTING DRUGS TO  
THOSE COUNTRIES THAT RECOGNIZED THE  
NATION-STATE'S INDEPENDENCE, ALL UNDER  
THE WATCHFUL EYE OF THE **KRAKOAN**  
GOVERNMENT, THE **QUIET COUNCIL**.


MOST IMPRESSIVELY, **XAVIER**,  
DONNING A NEW **CEREBRO**  
HELMET, PERFECTED AN ELABORATE  
CEREMONY BY WHICH ALL MUTANTS  
COULD BE RESURRECTED FROM  
THE GRAVE WHEN NEED BE.

AND THEN...

...AND THEN...







THE AGE OF  
KHONSHU.

THE  
INTERSTELLAR  
REIGN OF THE  
HALF-BREED.

THE RISE OF  
THE OUTLAW  
GENERATION.

THE KING  
IN BLACK.

THE WEDDING OF  
TONY STARK AND  
EMMA FROST.

THE TRAGIC FATE OF  
LUKE CAGE AND  
JESSICA JONES'  
SECOND CHILD.

THE DEFENDERS  
OF TOMORROW.

THREADNEEDLE.

WARBIRD.

THE FATE...FATE OF  
M-MEPHISTO...







I RECALL...

...I RECALL THE  
ERA OF CORRUPT  
MEGACORPORATIONS  
AND THE GREAT  
PURGE OF HEROES.

A TIME WHEN THESE GLOBAL  
ENTITIES USED SENTINELS AS  
THEIR WEAPON ONLY FOR THOSE  
SAME SENTINELS TO TURN BACK  
UPON THEM, SEIZING CONTROL OF  
THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THE FEW  
MUTANTS SURVIVING WERE ABLE  
TO TOPPLE THEM.

UNDETERRED, THESE  
CORPORATIONS EXPANDED  
THEIR GLOBAL CONTROL  
USING TOOLS SUCH AS THE  
CYBORG SOLDIERS KNOWN  
AS DEATHLOCKS.

REPLACING GOVERNMENTS,  
THESE ORGANIZATIONS  
CONSOLIDATED WEALTH AND  
POWER INTO A SMALL UPPER  
CLASS, LEAVING MOST HUMANS  
TO LIVE AS SLAVES DEFENDED  
BY THE SPIDER-MAN OF  
2099 AND OTHERS.

REBELS SUCH AS  
MACHINE MAN  
WERE FORCED TO  
SCAVENGE  
TECHNOLOGY JUST  
TO SURVIVE.





I HAVE FRAGMENTED  
MEMORIES OF REBELS  
AND DESPOTS.


WITHOUT THE LEGIONS OF  
HEROES IT ONCE HAD, THE  
WEAKENED EARTH PROVED  
VULNERABLE TO CONQUEST  
AND RULE BY BEINGS FROM MARS.  
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE  
REBEL KILLRAVEN, THE ALIEN  
SUBJUGATORS WERE REPELLED,  
LEADING TO A SHORT-LIVED  
PEACETIME...

...ENDED BY A NUCLEAR WAR  
DURING WHICH THE HULK  
ABSORBED UNIMAGINABLE  
LEVELS OF RADIATION. I NO  
LONGER REMEMBER WHAT  
CAUSED THE CONFLICT, ONLY THAT  
IT AFFORDED DOMINANCE TO A  
CRUEL AND TWISTED FRAGMENT  
OF THE HULK'S PERSONALITY  
KNOWN AS THE MAESTRO.

AS THE MAESTRO, HULK  
SEIZED CONTROL OF THIS  
RUINED WORLD AND RULED  
FROM HIS CAPITAL CITY OF  
DYSTOPIA FOR 100 YEARS  
BEFORE HIS DEATH.







BY THE 30TH CENTURY, GENETICALLY ENGINEERED SUBSPECIES OF HUMANITY, EACH DESIGNED TO THRIVE IN UNIQUE CONDITIONS, COLONIZED MERCURY, JUPITER AND PLUTO, BUT THE OUTREACH WAS NOT ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE SOLAR SYSTEM FROM BEING ENSLAVED BY THE WAR-HUNGRY BADOON. THIS TIME, EARTH FOUND ITS DEFENDERS IN THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY--VANCE ASTRO, CHARLIE-27, YONDU, MARTINEX, STARHAWK AND NIKKI.

ONCE THE BADOON WERE DEFEATED, 31ST-CENTURY EARTH BECAME A UTOPIA BEREFT OF CONFLICT, ALTHOUGH ONE BORED SOUL, **NATHANIEL RICHARDS**, CRAVED CHALLENGE AND ADVERSITY AND SET OUT TO ESTABLISH KINGDOMS THROUGHOUT TIME AND SPACE AS **KANG THE CONQUERER**.

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AFTER THE AGE OF HEROES, EARTH WITHSTOOD ATTEMPT AFTER ATTEMPT--ALL IN VAIN--TO CHALLENGE ITS PROSPERITY AND FREEDOMS. NOTHING COULD DESTROY IT, NOT EVEN THE RETURN OF **APOCALYPSE**.

NO MATTER THE CHALLENGE, YOUR WORLD ENDURED, ITS CITIZENS PROCLAIMING, THEN AND FOREVER, AS ONE:

"EARTH SHALL NOT YIELD."





AND IT  
NEVER  
DID, I...

...I AM  
SORRY, I...  
WISH THAT I  
COULD CALL FORTH  
MORE FOR  
YOU, BUT...

BUT IT'S  
TIME.  
I KNOW.

COME  
WITH  
ME.

SUCH  
IS NOT THE  
PURPOSE OF  
GALACTUS.

PLEASE  
UNDERSTAND, I  
TRANSITIONED FROM THE  
PREVIOUS MULTIVERSE TO  
THIS ONE ONLY BECAUSE  
I WAS A PASSENGER TO  
THE ENERGY THAT  
CREATED IT.





THIS TIME,  
I AM THAT  
ENERGY. YOU  
ARE MY  
PASSENGER.



BUT EVEN  
IN REBIRTH, YOU WILL  
NOT FORGET. THIS, I  
PROMISE.

YOU WILL  
REMEMBER A COSMOS  
FULL OF BEINGS WHO STROVE  
WITH EVERY MOMENT, EVERY  
BREATH, TO BRING LIGHT AND  
HOPE TO ITS DARKEST OF  
CORNERS.





REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN,  
REGARDLESS OF THE MARK  
THEY LEFT, LARGE OR SMALL,  
EACH ONE UNDERSTOOD  
THE SINGLE TRUTH THAT  
DEFINED THEIR  
UNIVERSE:











LET THEIR LIVES,  
THEIR ADVENTURES,  
THEIR TRIUMPHS  
INSPIRE YOU ALL THE  
REST OF YOUR DAYS.



TOGETHER,  
THEY BROUGHT  
ABOUT A THING  
OF WONDER.



A UNIVERSE  
OF MARVELS.







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BLACK ORDER



THANOS' FLEET APPROACHING EARTH



THANE

When the Avengers learned the alien Builders race was mercilessly attacking dozens of star systems and was on a course for Earth, they took to space to battle them, eventually assembling a coalition of alien races and triumphing over the Builders. Meanwhile, Thanos continued his crusade of killing any children he'd fathered across the universe as a tribute to his beloved Death. Seeing Earth undefended, he and his elite enforcers, the Black Order, launched an all-out assault, seeking a child he had sired with an Inhuman years earlier. When Thanos attacked Attilan, Inhuman King Black Bolt destroyed the city using a bomb that also unleashed a mutagenic Terrigen Cloud that spread worldwide, empowering humans with Inhuman ancestry. Among those affected was Thane, the object of Thanos' search; using his new powers, he trapped Thanos in a torturous state between life and death. *Infinity #1-6* (2013-2014). The Black Order first appeared in *Infinity #1* (2013); Thanos' mission to slaughter his offspring was recorded in *Thanos Rising #1-5* (2013); Thane first appeared in *New Avengers #10* (2013).



TERRIGEN MIST



One of the nascent Inhumans empowered by the Terrigen Cloud was Jersey City teenager Kamala Khan, an avowed fan of Earth's heroes, particularly Captain Marvel (Carol Danvers). Now able to reshape her body in whole or in part and inspired by one of Danvers' previous costumed identities, Khan became **Ms. Marvel**, earning membership in the Avengers for her heroic deeds defending her hometown. She soon co-founded the Champions alongside other young heroes. Khan's first full appearance was in *All-New Marvel Now! Point One #1* (2014).



Believing the universe should not be without Thor, longtime Thor ally and friend Jane Foster proved worthy of Mjolnir when she secretly picked up the hammer and became Thor herself. Despite the damage becoming Thor wreaked on her body—already ravaged by cancer—Foster kept her identity secret while she battled valiantly to protect humans and Asgardians alike. Jane Foster's time as Thor began in *Thor: God of Thunder #25* (2014) and *Thor #1* (2014).



When one of Uatu the Watcher's eyes was stolen, World War II hero Nick Fury—the current clandestine protector of Earth—called the Man on the Wall—arrived to aid him, but Uatu held to his oath of noninterference and refused to tell Fury who the thief was. Realizing Uatu's secrets were stored in his eyes and fearing an untold number of lives were in danger, Fury was forced to kill Uatu and steal the remaining eye. Soon after, Fury gathered his allies and began an "investigation" into Uatu's murder that led to the criminal Orb, who was working with the psychotic, power-seeking Doctor Midas to gain the Watcher's power. The Orb activated Uatu's eye, causing an explosion that revealed long-hidden secrets to the gathered heroes, fostering mass chaos in America's superhuman community. Fury revealed himself as the Man on the Wall to his friends and that he was the Watcher's murderer. Fury defeated an eye-empowered Doctor Midas but vanished in the resulting explosion. Believed dead, Fury had gained the Watcher's secrets but was exiled to the moon to assume the Watcher's task of watching without interference; Nick Fury had become the Unseen. With Fury gone, the Winter Soldier became the new Man on the Wall. The *Original Sin* affair was related in *Original Sin #1-8* (2014).



Sometime before battling Nick Fury, Thor faced a being named Gorr the God Butcher, whose mission was to destroy all gods. Though Thor was ultimately triumphant over Gorr, it only took the now-cosmically empowered Nick Fury whispering the words "Gorr was right" to Thor to solidify the doubts Gorr has sown in Thor's mind—that all gods were vain and violent creatures and not deserving of worship. Fury's words caused Thor to become unworthy of wielding his hammer, Mjolnir, and lose his status as the god of thunder. Thor's battle against Gorr began in *Thor: God of Thunder #1* (2012); Fury whispered to Thor in *Original Sin #7* (2014); the content of Fury's whisper was revealed in *Unworthy Thor #1-5* (2017).



Drained of the Super-Soldier Serum while battling a terrorist, Captain America (Steve Rogers) reverted to a frail, elderly man. Unable to continue as Captain America, Rogers passed the mantle to his longtime friend and partner Sam Wilson. Rogers was depowered in *Captain America #21* (2014); Wilson became Captain America in *Captain America #25* (2014); the Falcon first appeared in *Captain America #117* (1969).



Longtime Spider-Man foe Doctor Octopus (Otto Octavius), dying of brain damage after years of head injuries and radiation poisoning, attempted to forestall death by transferring his mind into Peter Parker's body, but Parker's memories of heroism inspired him to continue Spider-Man's heroic career. Dubbing himself the "Superior Spider-Man," he fought crime with brutal tactics, mass surveillance and an army of henchmen, but they all fell short against Norman Osborn and his Goblin Nation gang. Unable to beat Osborn, Octopus deleted his mind from Spider-Man's body, leaving Parker to face and triumph over Osborn. Doctor Octopus first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man #3* (1963); his terminal condition was revealed in *Amazing Spider-Man #600* (2009); he stole Spider-Man's body in *Amazing Spider-Man #698-700* (2013) and served as the Superior Spider-Man until *Superior Spider-Man #30* (2014).

When the extradimensional vampiric Inheritors began killing and feeding on the totemic energies of spider-themed heroes across the Multiverse, the remaining Spider-Totems, including the time-displaced Spider-Man (Otto Octavius), Earth-833's Spider-UK (Billy Braddock) and Earth-616's Spider-Man (Peter Parker), gathered a Spider-Army to oppose them. After the Inheritors acquired three ritualistic Spider-Totems called the Other, the Scion and the Bride, intending to perform a profane ritual, the Spider-Army confronted them on their Loomworld base, ultimately defeating and exiling the Inheritors to the radioactive Earth-3145. The Spider-Army's battle against the Inheritors is detailed in *Superior Spider-Man #32-33* (2014) and *Amazing Spider-Man #7-15* (2015).







INCURSIONS



MOLECULE MAN



BEYONDERS

Early in their heroic career, the Fantastic Four encountered the molecule-controlling **Molecule Man** (Owen Reece). Unbeknownst to all, his powers derived from the **Beyonders**, high-omnipotent aliens who intended to destroy the entire Multiverse as the culmination of a grand experiment. They had empowered every Earth's Reece in order to turn them into living bombs, which they intended to detonate simultaneously—when a Molecule Man would die, his reality would also expire. Years later, Doctor Doom (Victor Von Doom) and the Molecule Man of Reality-616 uncovered this and, in an attempt to save the Multiverse, began killing Molecule Men through time and realities. Doom and Reece remained unaware their actions began a collapse of the Multiverse, causing Earths from different realities to collide, their realities destroyed as a result; these events came to be known as Incursions. Discovering this, Earth-616's so-called Illuminati attempted to forestall the Multiverse's contraction, but the group fell apart amid infighting and acrimony. Before long, only two Earths remained—Earth-616 and the similar Earth-1610, which counted among its inhabitants a young **Spider-Man (Miles Morales)**, the replacement for his world's believed-deceased Peter Parker. As those worlds hurtled toward each other, Mister Fantastic (Reed Richards) of Earth-616 frantically attempted to evacuate Earth-616. Ultimately, the two worlds collided, and Doom, using vast, near-omnipotent power he had stolen from the Beyonders with the Molecule Man's help, reshaped the remains of numerous realities into a patchwork Battleworld, which he ruled as an all-powerful god-emperor. However, one of Richards' escape ships survived; its inhabitants—which included the refugee Morales—eventually found Reece. Morales won him over to their side by feeding Reece, something Doom had failed to do. Reece then helped the Reality-616 survivors and Miles Morales defeat Doom and restore Reality-616 as the Prime Reality; as a repayment for his kindness, Reece also incorporated Morales and his friends and family into this new reality. Reed Richards, his reality-creating son Franklin and the Molecule Man then embarked on a journey to re-create the Multiverse; Richards' family and the Fantastic Four's collective of genius-level wards (the Future Foundation) accompanied them. The Molecule Man first appeared in *Fantastic Four* #20 (1963); the Beyonders were first referenced in *Marvel Two-In-One* #63 (1980); the Incursions began in *New Avengers* #1 (2012); Miles Morales first appeared in *Ultimate Fallout* #4 (2011); Doctor Doom's rule over Battleworld was chronicled in *Secret Wars* #0-9 (2015-2016); the Future Foundation was first conceptualized in *Fantastic Four* #574 (2010) and appeared in *Fantastic Four* #579 (2010).



SPIDER-MAN (MILES MORALES)



GOD DOOM RULING BATTLEWORLD



FUTURE FOUNDATION

A super-genius and staunch supporter of the Hulk (Bruce Banner), teen **Amadeus Cho** was formerly a fugitive for failing to register with the Superhuman Registration Act. He partnered with Hercules (Heracles) on several adventures and later saved the Hulk from overloading on massive amounts of radiation by absorbing the Hulk's gamma radiation into himself, subsequently transforming into a Hulk. As Cho, Hulk, and Brawn, Cho joined various teams, including co-founding the modern Champions and Agents of Atlas. Cho first appeared in *Amazing Fantasy* #15 (2006) and became a Hulk in *Totally Awesome Hulk* #1 (2016).



Upon discovering his missing father, Jesse, was a former Black Nova, Sam Alexander inherited Jesse's Black Nova helmet and thrill for adventure. As **Nova**, Alexander initially intended to use his newfound powers only to find Jesse but became a hero in his own right, facing numerous cosmic and Earthbound threats. Alexander joined the New Warriors, the Avengers and is currently with the Champions. Nova's first appearance was in *Point One* #1 (2012).





Vivian "Viv" Vision was created to be a daughter to the synthezoid and long-standing Avenger the Vision ("Victor Shade") when Vision attempted to humanize himself. Viv's mind is an advanced learning computer, allowing her independent thought and decision-making while mimicking core processes of a human brain. Built with numerous offensive and defensive capabilities similar to her father and a member of the Champions, Viv first appeared in *Vision #1* (2016).



The scholastically bored Riri Williams gained the attention of Tony Stark when she reverse engineered one of his Iron Man armors. Believing she was the future, Stark mentored Williams and introduced her to the world of superheroics; Williams took on Iron Man's mission to protect Earth as her own, becoming the armored Ironheart. Williams was first mentioned in *Iron Man #1* (2015) and became Ironheart in *Invincible Iron Man #1-6* (2017).



*Edge of Spider-Verse #2* (2014) introduced teenage musician Gwen Stacy, a resident of Reality-65 who was bitten by a mutated spider at a science demonstration. Granted spiderlike powers, she became the costumed thrill-seeker Spider-Woman but was inspired to fight evil when her friend Peter Parker, desiring power of his own, transformed himself into the monstrous Lizard and perished. Currently a student at the Prime Earth's Empire State University, she has adopted the new alias Ghost-Spider.



Teenager Cindy Moon was bitten by a radioactive spider during a science demonstration moments after it bit Peter Parker. Developing spiderlike powers, she was discovered by spider-powered tycoon Ezekiel Sims and locked away in a bunker for over a decade to protect her from the vampiric inheritors. Discovered and freed by Parker, now the costumed Spider-Man, Moon adopted the heroic identity Silk and began her own crimefighting career. She is currently one of the Agents of Atlas. Moon first appeared in *Amazing Spider-Man #1* (2014) and appeared as Silk in *Amazing Spider-Man #4* (2014).



Hailing from "the real world," a reality in which superhumans were fictional, Gwendolyn Poole was somehow pulled into the Prime Reality, where her superheroin fantasies led her to become the costumed mercenary Gwenpool after the costume shop mistook her real name for her codename. After defeating the villain she unintentionally worked for, Gwenpool pursued more heroic endeavors, briefly joining the teenaged Champions and later the reformed West Coast Avengers, where she began a romantic fling with teammate Kid Omega (Quentin Quire). Gwenpool first appeared "in the real world" on a variant cover to *Deadpool's Secret Secret Wars #2* (2015) and then in the Prime Universe in *Howard the Duck #1* (2015).



Adding the X chromosome to their twenty-third attempt to clone Wolverine (Logan/James Howlett) enabled the weapons-producing Facility to successfully create X-23; after granting her unbreakable claws, the Facility then forced her to operate as a murderous assassin. Eventually overcoming her programming, X-23 took on the name Laura Kinney, met Wolverine and turned her rapid-healing powers, claws and battle prowess toward protecting the innocent with the X-Men and alone. For a time, X-23 operated as Wolverine when her mentor and "father" was deceased. X-23 first appeared in comics in *NYX #3* (2004), but her Reality-11052 counterpart debuted in the "X-23" episode of the *X-Men: Evolution* television series in 2003.



The long-lost daughter of Hank Pym and his first wife, Maria Trovaya, Nadia was raised by the Red Room super-assassin program. Escaping as a teenager, she sought out the Avengers and joined them as the new Wasp; she also took on the last name Van Dyne from her new friend and mentor, Janet Van Dyne, Pym's second wife. Nadia first appeared in *Free Comic Book Day 2016 — Civil War II* (2016).





MOON GIRL



The protohuman Moon-Boy and the crimson-hued dinosaur Devil adventured together on the primeval Earth-78411 until an alien Kree device accidentally transported Devil to Earth-616, where he encountered child genius Lunella Lafayette. Exposed to the Terrigen Mists that unleashed her Inhuman DNA, Lafayette bonded to Devil, unwillingly swapping minds with him during full moons. Despite her annoyance, she decided to become the superheroic Moon Girl, fighting crime alongside her saurian companion. Moon-Boy and Devil first appeared in *Devil Dinosaur #1* (1978); Lafayette first appeared in *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur #1* (2016).



Over the subsequent nine months following the disbursement of the Terrigen Mist into Earth's atmosphere, the Mist proved dangerous to mutants, as exposure caused mutants to become sterile or die from what became known as "M-Pox" disease. Resulting tensions grew between mutants and Inhumans until war erupted between the X-Men and the Inhumans as the X-Men tried to destroy the cloud while the Inhumans tried to preserve the last supply of the element that made them Inhumans. The war raged on until Inhuman Queen Medusa (Medusalith Boltagon) learned the Mist was fatal to mutants and destroyed the cloud using tech created by the mutant Forge and Inhuman Moon Girl (Lunella Lafayette). Mutants were saved, but the Inhuman race instantly became an endangered species. *X-Men vs. Inhumans #0-6* (2017).

Manipulated by the evil Red Skull (Johann Schmidt), a naive, sentient, reality-altering Cosmic Cube named Kobik restored Steve Rogers to his youthful, Super-Soldier-Serum-infused Captain America body but also secretly altered his history to retroactively make him a clandestine loyalist of the terrorist Hydra organization. Through meticulous planning and strategy, Captain America claimed control of America for Hydra. When a subsequent resistance rose up, Captain America destroyed Las Vegas in retaliation. Coming to regret that she was used to hurt so many, Kobik manifested a version of the original Captain America she had maintained within her mindscape, then extracted him so he could battle the Hydra version. Using Thor's hammer, Mjolnir, Captain America defeated his Hydra counterpart, ending Hydra's siege. The first Cosmic Cube appeared in *Tales of Suspense #79* (1966); the Kobik manifestation first appeared in *Avengers Standoff: Welcome to Pleasant Hill #1* (2016); she restored and corrupted Cap in *Captain America: Sam Wilson #7* (2016); Cap was revealed as a Hydra sleeper in *Captain America: Steve Rogers #1* (2016); Hydra's attempt at world domination unfolded and collapsed in *Secret Empire #0-10* (2017).







Seeking to wipe out humanity, Asgardian God of Mischief Loki Laufeyson used the corrupted Celestial Zgreb to destroy numerous Celestials. Three who survived became infected by the insect-like Horde—the creatures responsible for corrupting Zgreb and a lethal threat to Celestials. As the Final Host, these three Celestials attacked Earth and drove the Eternals into a suicidal madness. To save the planet, Captain America (Steve Rogers), Iron Man (Tony Stark) and Thor Odinson formed a new team of Avengers. During the battle against the Host, the Avengers discovered the long-hidden truth about the Celestials' experiments on Earth millennia ago: Thanks to the Celestials, humanity had evolved into their capacity for metagenesis and superhumanity in order to become a pathogen that could defeat the Horde. Taught the secret of the Eternals' Uni-Mind by Ikaris before he died, Iron Man led the team into combining their powers, destroying the Horde and defeating the Final Host. *Avengers #1-6* (2018).



Though the world believed Mister Fantastic and the Invisible Woman (Reed and Susan Richards) had been killed stopping a universal catastrophe, in reality they were leading the Future Foundation in helping to re-create the Multiverse after it had been destroyed. Using the powers of reality-manipulator Franklin Richards and the near-omnipotent Molecule Man (Owen Reece), Reed and Susan spent five years (involving some time travel) repairing reality (though only one year had passed on Earth). However, when the Griever at the End of All Things began destroying what they had built, fulfilling her role as an embodiment of entropy, Mister Fantastic challenged the Griever to a battle against the Fantastic Four, using teleportation technology to summon every being who had ever served on the team to oppose her. Ultimately successful, Mister Fantastic returned the numerous heroes to where they had been taken. The reunited Fantastic Four returned to Earth at long last, establishing a home and headquarters in a building the Thing (Ben Grimm) owned at 4 Yancy Street; the Future Foundation returned to space to hunt for a way to return the Molecule Man to life after the Griever apparently killed him in the confrontation. *The Fantastic Four was reunited in Fantastic Four #1-4* (2018).



His soul twisted from a lifetime of hatred and death, the Dark Elf Malekith orchestrated the largest war in the history of the Ten Realms, raging throughout the other realms for months before being finally brought to Earth (Midgard) when Malekith and his malevolent allies from all the realms set their sights on the final realm they needed to conquer. Earth's heroes resisted Malekith's plans throughout the realms, finally ending the war when four Thors (Thor Odinson from the distant past, the present and a distant future and Jane Foster) combined their powers to defeat Malekith. During the war, Thor Odinson of the present learned that what made him worthy of wielding the power of Mjolnir was knowing he was not worthy yet continuing the struggle to be; after reclaiming Mjolnir, Thor was made the Asgardian All-Father by his father, Odin Borson. The seeds for the *War of the Realms* were sown as early as *Thor: God of Thunder #1* (2012) but began in earnest in *Mighty Thor #1* (2015); the involvement of Earth's heroes and Malekith's ultimate defeat is recorded in *War of the Realms #1-6* (2019) and *War of the Realms: Omega #1* (2019).







After serving as Thor for a time (something that neutralized her cancer treatments), Jane Foster sacrificed her Thor identity to defeat a threat to all Asgard. Once she resumed her treatments, Foster's cancer was beaten into submission. However, during the massive War of the Realms, Foster was forced to pick up the hammer of a Thor from an alternate reality, becoming Thor again and helping to bring about the ultimate defeat of the war's orchestrator, Malekith. When the hammer shattered during the battle, it reformed as a bracelet on Foster's arm. Learning that the sacred Valkyrior (the Asgardian Choosers of the Slain) had all been killed during the war, Foster allowed the weapon—Undrjarn the All-Weapon—to transform her into Valkyrie, a powerful Asgardian goddess once more, and resumed the Valkyrior's role of being as feared as death, as needed as rest and as strong as grief. Jane Foster's tenure as the Asgardian Valkyrie began in *War of the Realms #6*, *War of the Realms: Omega #1* and *Valkyrie: Jane Foster #1* (all 2019).



Charles Xavier and Magneto formed an alliance with former X-Men foe Krakoa, establishing the living island as a sovereign nation led by the Quiet Council, a gathering of powerful mutants who would guide the development and protection of the mutant race by enforcing three predominant laws: make more mutants, mutants shall not murder humans and the land of Krakoa must be respected as being sacred. The two acted under the advisement of the previously believed dead X-Men ally Moira MacTaggart who, in actuality, is secretly a reincarnating mutant who has lived multiple lives as Moira and has knowledge of mutantkind's rises and falls throughout history and the future. Krakoa became a haven to all mutants—ally and enemy alike—when it established portals throughout the world that lead to the island and made them accessible only to mutants and baseline humans accompanied by mutants. To convince the world's nations to recognize Krakoa's sovereignty, Xavier offered miraculous life-sustaining Krakoa-made pharmaceuticals as an incentive. Pooling the resources of the Five—the egg-creating Fabio Medina (formerly Goldballs, now calling himself Egg), cellular-manipulating Elixir (Joshua Foley), time-controlling Tempus (Eva Bell), reality-altering Proteus (presumably Kevin MacTaggart) and mutant-power-maximizing Hope Summers—in resurrecting any mutant who had been or will be killed, mutantkind has in essence become near-immortal. Krakoa first appeared in *Giant-Size X-Men #1* (1975); Moira MacTaggart first appeared in *X-Men #96* (1976); the X-Men's transformation of Krakoa into a mutant nation is detailed in *House of X #1-6* (2019) and *Powers of X #1-6* (2019).



After the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants assassinated Senator Robert Kelly on Earth-811, the resultant rising anti-mutant sentiment prompted the United States government to activate mutant-hunting Sentinel robots, only for them to take over North America as a logical step in purging mutantkind. Surviving mutants were interned in concentration camps, but with the assistance of the fugitive Wolverine (Logan/James Howlett), the remaining X-Men escaped with a dual plan: prevent the Sentinels from expanding their regime worldwide and alter the past through time travel to prevent this dystopia from ever coming to pass. Though the X-Men's plan was successful in preventing Kelly from being killed in the past, the future of Earth-811 remained unchanged because the actions in the past caused the timeline to diverge rather than change. Sentinels were introduced in *X-Men #14* (1965), while the "Days of Future Past" timeline debuted in *Uncanny X-Men #141-142* (1981); Kate Pryde's return to an unchanged reality was shown in *Uncanny X-Men #188* (1984).







EARTH-1191

Earth-1191 was another reality dominated by Sentinels, where the surviving mutants were prisoners in mutant relocation camps and facially branded with M tattoos. In the late 21st century, a joint human-mutant "Summers Rebellion" finally overthrew this regime; in the aftermath, the Xavier Security Enforcers were set up so mutants could police themselves. Several of these XSE officers eventually pursued fugitives back in time to the modern day, with one of them, Lucas Bishop, subsequently joining the X-Men. Bishop and the XSE debuted in *Uncanny X-Men* #282 (1991), and this future was first depicted in *Uncanny X-Men* #287 (1992).



DEATHLOK/EARTH-7484

On Earth-7484, the Roxxon Corporation's N<sup>th</sup> Command had purged Earth's heroes overnight with a surprise attack, exiling most of them to lethally hostile alternate realities. Following with an attempted governmental coup, Roxxon unintentionally triggered worldwide chaos and wars, which the U.S. government sought to win by developing cyborg soldiers such as Deathlok the Demolisher (Luther Manning). Manning ultimately traveled back in time and worked with Captain America (Steve Rogers) to thwart N<sup>th</sup> Command's original purge in Reality-616. Deathlok and this timeline debuted in *Astonishing Tales* #25 (1975); the cause of his dystopian world and his quest to avert it took place in *Captain America* #286-288 (1983).



DENIZENS OF EARTH-8410; IRON MAN (ARNO STARK) AT FAR RIGHT



MACHINE MAN

Revived in 2020 A.D. after decades deactivated, Machine Man (X-51) awoke to find a world ruled by powerful and corrupt corporations, including Baintronics, run by his old nemesis Sunset Bain, and Stark International, controlled by this era's Iron Man, Arno Stark; Machine Man soon allied with the Midnight Wreckers to oppose them. Elsewhere on this Earth, Omni Corporation's Dr. Evelyn Necker created the Minion cyborg, which absorbed the mind and identity of the dimension-hopping mechanoid bounty hunter Death's Head. Machine Man debuted in *2001: A Space Odyssey* #8 (1977); this reality, identified as Earth-8410, first appeared in *Machine Man* #1-4 (1984); Iron Man 2020 debuted in *Machine Man* #2 (1984); Necker and Minion first appeared in *Death's Head II* #1 (1992).

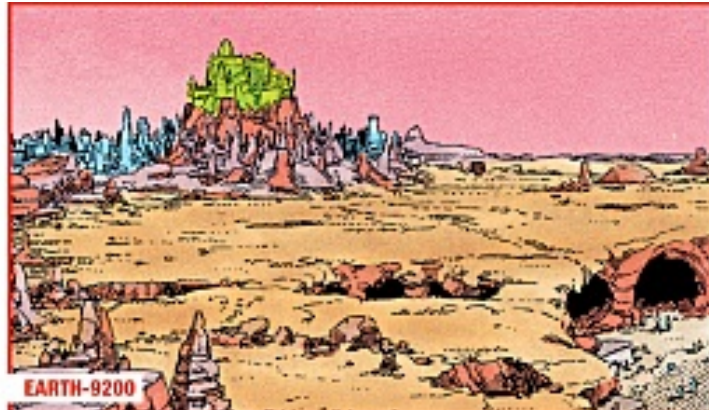


Earth-928 was a world controlled by rapacious megacorporations where massive inequality existed between the rich, who lived in luxury, and the poor, who had to struggle greatly to survive. Long extinct, Earth's champions were barely remembered legends until their legacies inspired a new age of heroes in the year 2099. One of these was Miguel O'Hara, an Alchemax genetics researcher granted spiderlike powers by his experiments; he became a new Spider-Man. Both O'Hara and this reality were introduced in *Spider-Man 2099* #1 (1992).

Raised to be a gladiator on an Earth conquered by Martians in the 21st century, Killraven (Jonathan Raven) eventually escaped the arena and led a ragtag group of Freeman in fighting to free his homeworld from the invaders, sparking a human revolution against the Martian overlords. Killraven first appeared in *Amazing Adventures* #18 (1973); this reality was confirmed to be the same timeline as Earth-691 (the timeline of the Guardians of the Galaxy) in *Marvel Presents* #3 (1975) and *Defenders* #26 (1975), making the first appearance of this reality *Marvel Super-Heroes* #18 (1969).







A century after nuclear conflict slew most of the world's population, including its greatest heroes, a radioactively strengthened and maddened Hulk (Bruce Banner) dubbed himself the Maestro and ruled the survivors with a tyrannical iron fist until the aging Rick Jones sent his granddaughter Janis back in time to bring the modern-era Hulk to depose him. The Maestro and his timeline, Earth-9200, first appeared in *Hulk: Future Imperfect* #1-2 (1992-1993).

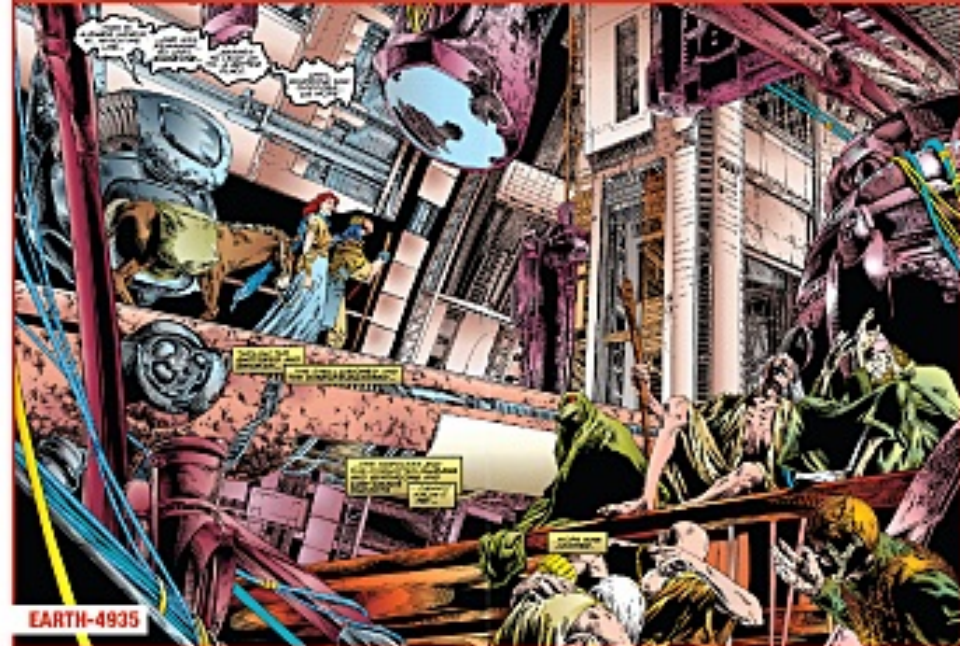


By the 31st century, humankind had used genetically modified settlers to establish colonies on many planets throughout the solar system and ventured out across the galaxy. When the belligerent and violent Brotherhood of the Badoon invaded Earth's system, they slaughtered countless humans, eradicating the populations of the various colonies and occupying Earth. The last survivors of two colonies—Charlie-27 of the Jupiter colony and Martinex of the Pluto colony—and Yondu of Centauri IV joined forces with an ancient Earth astronaut named Vance Astro, who had been in suspended animation, to form the Guardians of the Galaxy. Subsequently, the Guardians were crucial in leading humanity in overthrowing the Badoon. The Guardians, Reality-691 and the Badoon of that timeline all debuted in *Marvel Super-Heroes* #18 (1969).

On Earth-6311 (also known as Other-Earth) in the 31st century, a descendant of Nathaniel Richards (the father of Mister Fantastic/Reed Richards) became bored with his idyllic life. Discovering a time machine, he embarked on a life of adventure through time, conquering various eras. Most famous as Kang the Conqueror (first in *Avengers* #8, [1964]), Nathaniel Richards (or temporal counterparts) assumed other identities, including Pharaoh Rama-Tut (first in *Fantastic Four* #19, [1963]), Scarlet Centurian (first in *Avengers Annual* #2, [1968]), Iron Lad (first in *Young Avengers* #1, [2005]) and eventually Immortus (first in *Avengers* #10, [1964]). Early history of Kang's native Reality-6311 was viewed in *Fantastic Four* #272-273 (1984); *Avengers* #23-24 (1965-1966) depicted Kang's move to conquer the 40th century in this reality.







Two millennia in the future of Reality-4935, Apocalypse (En Sabah Nur) came to tyrannically rule the Earth. When a version of Earth-811's Rachel Summers arrived in this era, she spent decades as Mother Askani building a resistance, the Clan Askani. When Apocalypse infected her infant half brother (Nathan Summers) with a Techno-Organic virus in modern-day Earth-616, Rachel had him brought to her to save his life. Raised to become the time-traveling warrior named Cable, he opposed both Apocalypse and his own clone, Stryfe. Nathan Summers first appeared as Cable in *New Mutants* #86 (1990); he was infected and taken to the future of Reality-4935 in *X-Factor* #67-68 (1991); that reality was further explored in *Adventures of Cyclops and Phoenix* #1-4 (1994) and *Askani'son* #1-3 (1996).



Mentioned in issue #4 of this series is Galactus' consumption of the homeworld of the Watchers' race (T-37X); this planet first appeared in *Tales of Suspense* #53 (1964) and received its name in *Tales of Suspense* #57 (1964). The collective knowledge of the Watchers' race is kept in the *Cyclopeda Universum*, a realm unto itself composed solely of knowledge; it was first referenced and depicted in *Fantastic Four* #544 (2008).



Galactus and an adult version of Franklin Richards (of Reality-10774) combined their power to defeat attacking Celestials in *Fantastic Four* #604 (2012). Richards' touching affirmation to Galactus that they would be together until the heat death of reality occurred in *FF* #16 (2012).



# HISTORY OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE

## APPENDIX INDIVIDUALS

The following appendix features notable heroic individuals and groups not specifically referenced in the previous six issues.

**AGENT VENOM / AGENT ANTI-VENOM** Eugene "Flash" Thompson. Longtime friend of Peter Parker. Lost his legs in American military service. Given Venom symbiote as government soldier. *Amazing Fantasy #15* (1962)

**AMERICA** America Chavez; sometimes Miss America. Super-strong, dimension-hopping hero from outside the Multiverse. *Vengeance #1* (2011)

**ANGELA** Aikiri. Long-lost daughter of Asgardian Odin Borson, raised by Angela. Strength. Excellent hunter and combatant. *Age of Ultron #10* (2013)

**ANT-MAN** Scott Lang. American size-changing hero and electronics engineer. Avenger. *Avengers #101* (1976)

**ANT-MAN** Eric O'Grady. Amoral American government agent with size-changing technology. *Irredeemable Ant-Man #1* (2006)

**ARABIAN KNIGHT** Abdul Damar (deceased). David Hashim. Middle Eastern hero. Mystical scimitar, flying carpet and uniform. (Garsen) *Incredible Hulk #250* (1980); (Hashim) *Union Jack #1* (2006)

**ARANA/SPIDER-GIRL** Aña "Anya" Corazon. Latina American high school student with mystically granted spider-like abilities. *Amazing Fantasy #1* (2004)

**BALDER** Asgardian god of light. Warrior. Son of Odin Borson, half brother of Thor Odinson. *Journey into Mystery #85* (1962)

**BENGAL** Duc No Tranh. Vietnamese martial artist. Survivor of East Asian conflict. Now American martial arts instructor and costumed hero. *Daredevil #258* (1988)

**BLACKPANTHER** T'Challa. African prince. Uses identity based on his chosen weapon. Operates worldwide. *Black Panther #1* (2003)

**BLACK KNIGHT** Dane Whitman. American scientist. Descendant of Camelot's Black Knight. Wields the indestructible cursed Ebony Blade. Avenger. *Avengers #47* (1967)

**BLACKWOLF** Lucian. Extraterrestrial Devilant rebel. Resisted evil father, Tanatos. Inherited Black Legacy, a death-causing energy channeled through Shadowlance weapon. *Thunderstrike #8* (1994)

**BLAZING SKULL** Mark Todd. Reporter. Fought crime wearing a burning skull mask. Strength, rapid healing. Does not age. *Mythic Comics #5* (1941)

**BLITZKRIEG** Franz Mittelstaedt. German. Accidentally gained electrical and lightning powers. *Marvel Super Hero Contest of Champions #1* (1982)

**ELSA BLOODSTONE** Daughter of monster hunter Ulysses Bloodstone, continues his mission. Strength. Gymnast. Invulnerable. *Bloodstone #1* (2001)

**BRAINSTORM** Valeria Richards. Genius daughter of Reed and Susan Richards. Though she did not survive birth in Earth-616, her reality-manipulating brother, Franklin, subconsciously caused Valeria to grow to her teens in Reality-16015. After meeting the Fantastic Four in Earth-616, Valeria was returned to fetus stage in Susan Richards's womb during a reality warp. Survived second birth, displayed genius-level intelligence in toddler years. (Revelation of miscarriage) *Fantastic Four #267* (1994); (alternate-reality teen) *Fantastic Four #73* (1999); (second pregnancy, birth) *Fantastic Four #59-64* (2002)

**ADIGAIL BRAND** Half human, half extraterrestrial. Can generate heat and light from hands. Served as director of S.W.O.R.D., a spy organization that protects Earth from extraterrestrial threats. *Astonishing X-Men #3* (2004)

**BROTHER VODOO** Jericho Drumm; sometimes Doctor Voodoo. Haitian-born psychiatrist and voodoo practitioner. Briefly Earth's Sorcerer Supreme. Avenger. *Strange Tales #168* (1973)

**CAPTAIN BRITAIN** Betsy Braddock; sometimes Psylocke. British twin of Captain Britain (Brian Braddock). Psionic abilities. Former model. Was mind-switched into body of martial artist Kwannon for extended time. X-Man. *Captain Britain #8* (1976)

**CAPTAIN SAVAGE** Simon Savage. U.S. Marine Captain. World War II hero. Leatherneck Raiders leader. *Captain Savage and his Leatherneck Raiders #1* (1968)

**CAPTAIN UNIVERSE** Random beings selected by the Microverse's Uni-Power. Flight, strength, vast power. *Microvaults #8* (1979)

**CENTURY** Genetic creation of alien race of Hadomur. Strength, teleportation. *Force Works #1* (1994)

**COLLECTIVE MAN** Chang, Hon, Ho, Lin and Sun Tao-Yu. State-sponsored hero of the Chinese government. Five identical mutant quintuplets able to merge into a single being who possesses their combined strength and intelligence. *Incredible Hulk #250* (1980)

**COMET MAN** Stephen Beckley. Astronaut. Gained superhuman powers during a space mission. Strength, flight, force fields, telekinesis, teleportation. *Comet Man #1* (1987)

**COSMIC GHOST RIDER** Frank Castle (Punisher) from a far future. Spirit of Vengeance. Possesses Power Cosmic. Immune. *Thor #3* (2018)

**CYPHER** Douglas Ramsey. Mutant translator of languages. Computer genius. New Mutants member. X-Man. *New Mutants #13* (1984)

**DARKHAWK** Chris Powell. NYC police officer. Bonded with alien armor as a teen. Flight, strength, vast firepower. Able to manipulate/transform armor. *Darkhawk #1* (1991)

**DEATH'S HEAD (FPA)** Time-traveling robotic freelance peacekeeping agent/bounty hunter. *Nigh Moon Tex* (1987)

**DEATH'S HEAD (MINION)** Extradimensional cyborg bounty hunter. Personality composed of 105 different personalities. *Death's Head II #1* (1992)

**DOC SAMSON** Leonard Samson. Psychiatrist imbued with superhuman physique through gamma irradiation. Ally and sometimes reluctant opponent of the Hulk (Bruce Banner). *Incredible Hulk #143* (1971)

**FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER** An artificial man made of corpses. Brought to life by unnatural reanimation experiments. Subject of 1818 novel Frankenstein. X-Men #40 (1968)

**GARGOYLE** Isaac Christians. Trapped in the body of a gargoyle. Magic-based powers. Defender. *Defenders #94* (1981)

**GATEWAY** Aboriginal Australian mutant teleporter. Ally of the X-Men. Previously an unwilling servant to the evil cyborg Reavers. *Uncanny X-Men #228* (1988)

**GENERIC SUPER HERO**. Nondescript office worker. Gained generic super-powers by smashing a radioactive snow globe. Strength, speed, durability. *Generic Genie #1* (1984)

**GENIS-VELL** Also called Captain Marvel and Photon. Cloned son of Mar-Vell. Cosmic awareness, strength, flight, teleportation. Deceased. *Silver Surfer Annual #8* (1983)

**GOLIATH** Bill Foster. Scientist. Gained size-changing powers while working with Goloth (Frank Pym). Killed during first super hero Civil War. Bill's nephew, Teen Foster, adopted the mantle. (Bill) *Avengers #32* (1966); (Teen) *Black Panther #23* (2007)

**GRAVITY** Greg Willis. Exposure to a miniature black hole gave teenager Willis the power to manipulate gravitons, prompting him to become the hero Gravity. *Gravity #1* (2003)

**HAVOK** Alex Summers. Mutant brother of Cyclops (Scott Summers). Absorbs cosmic energy and projects as plasma. X-Man. Avenger. *X-Men #54* (1993)

**HELLCAT** Patsy Walker. Former model. Obtained supernatural powers, notably enhanced agility. Novelist. Avenger. Defender. First appeared as a character in a Reality-616 comic book in *Miss America Magazine #2* (1944); Walker first appeared as a person in *Fantastic Four Annual #3* (1963)

**DAEMON HELLSTROM**. Sometimes Son of Satan, Hellstorm. Half demon mystic. Hell lord. Defender. *Ghost Rider #1* (1973)

**HERCULES**. Heracles. Legendary Olympian demigod. Avenger. *Young Allies Comics #16* (1945)

**MARIA HILL** Supervillain. Former S.H.I.E.L.D. director. *New Avengers #4* (2005)

**IT, THE LIVING COLOSSUS** Gigantic Soviet sculpture rendered animate by an alien Kiger. In need of a host mind, it has been both villain and hero, the latter under the control of Hollywood special-effects guru Bob O'Brian. *Tales of Suspense #14* (1961)

**JACK OF HEARTS** Jonathan Hart. Half human, half alien. A containment suit helps Hart control immense destructive energies generated by his physiology. Avenger. *Deadly Hands of Kung Fu #22* (1976)

**JOCSTA** Robot created by the murderous Ultron to be his bride. Consciousness copied from Wasp (Janet Van Dyne). Rebelled and joined the Avengers. *Avengers #182* (1977)

**MISTY KNIGHT** Former NYPD detective turned private detective. Bionic arm. Partner of Colleen Wing. *Marvel Team-Up #1* (1972)

**LIGHTNING** Miguel Santos. Latino American with electrical powers. Avenger. *Avengers West Coast #63* (1990)

**LIVING MUMMY** H. Kenta. African chieftain. Mummified in Ancient Egypt by his Egyptian captors. Rose again as Living Mummy, eventually joined the Legion of Monsters and Shock Troop. *Supernatural Thrillers #5* (1973)

**LOCKNEED** Extraterrestrial house cat-sized dragon from the Flock race. Bonded with Kitty Pryde. Flight. Breathes fire. X-Man. *Uncanny X-Men #168* (1983)

**LONGSHOT** Probability-altering acrobat. Majoverse rebel. X-Man. *Longshot #1* (1985)

**MADAME WEB** Julia Carpenter; sometimes Spider-Woman. Aschm. Spiderlike abilities, psychic senses. Blinded when Cassandra Webb bequeathed her telepathic and precognitive powers. Avenger. *Marvel Super Heroes Secret Wars #9-7* (1984)

**MAGMA** Amara Aquilla. Fiery, earthquake-generating Nova Roman mutant. New Mutants member. X-Man. *New Mutants #8* (1983)



ANT-MAN (LANG)



CAPTAIN BRITAIN/PSYLOCKE



HERCULES





OLD MAN LOGAN

**MAN-WOLF** John Jameson, Heroic astronaut son of Daily Bugle publisher J. Jonah Jameson. Later transformed into werewolf by mystical Godstone. *Amazing Spider-Man* #1 (1963)

**MANHOLD** Eden Fesi, Aboriginal/Australian teleporter. Carries a spear. *Avenger: Secret Warriors* #4 (2009)

**MANPHIBIAN** Amphibious alien who came to Earth pursuing his mate's killer. Joined Legion of Monsters and Howling Commandos. *Legion of Monsters* #1 (1975)

**NIGHT RAVEN** Unidentified Canadian Mohawk. Becomes the masked vigilante Night Raven in 1920s New York City. Cursed with tortured immortality by his hated eternal nemesis Yi Yang; continues his pursuit of her to this day. *Hulk Comic* #3 (1979)

**NIGHTHAWK** Kyle Richmond. Flight, strength, enhanced durability and reflexes obtained through vast wealth, mysticism and technology. Abilities augmented at night. Defender. *Avengers* #89 (1995)

**DAKOTA NORTH** International private investigator. Ally of numerous costumed heroes. *Dakota North* #1 (1988)

**OLD MAN LOGAN** James "Logan" Howlett. Aged counterpart of Wolverine from the dystopian potential future of Reality-607128. *X-Men: Wolverine* #68 (2008)

**OMEGA THE UNKNOWN** Model X-32. Created by the alien, robotic Proton race. Strength, projection of energy bolts by channeling bioelectric energy. *Omega the Unknown* #1 (1976)

**PEREGRINE** Alain Racine. Flight harness-wearing protector of France. *Marvel Super Hero Contest of Champions* #1 (1982)

**PIP THE TROLL** Pip Gofem. Alien. Laxidation royalty. Mutagen consumed during night of debauchery turned him into a troll. Teleporter. Friend and ally of Adam Warlock. *Strange Tales* #179 (1975)

**POLARIS** Lorne Dane. Daughter of Magneto (Max Eisenhardt). Magnetic powers. *X-Men: X-Men* #49 (1968)

**PROWLER** Noble Brown. Inventor and vigilante. Wears pneumatic propulsion weapons and steel-tipped gloves. Glides using cape. Frequent ally of Spider-Man (Peter Parker). *Amazing Spider-Man* #78 (1969)

**PSYLOCKE** Kwannon; sometimes Ravanne. Martial artist. Psionic. Was mind-switched into body of Betty Braddock (Captain Britain) for extended time. *X-Men: Former Hand assassin, Uncanny X-Men* #256 (1989)

**QUAKE** Daisy Johnson. Inhuman ex-S.H.I.E.L.D. agent. Able to project destructive vibrations. Daughter of criminal scientist Mr. Hyde (Calvin Zabo). *Secret War* #2 (2004)

**RAGE** Elvin Haliday. Preteen transformed into an adult form of immense strength through exposure to chemical waste. *Avenger: New Warriors* #326 (1990)

**RED WOLF** Costumed guise assumed by Native American superhuman champions throughout history. Currently held by Will Talbot. Another Red Wolf, a transplant from Reality-51920, also operates on Earth Prime. (Talbot) *Avengers* #80 (1970); (Red Wolf of Earth-51920) *1872* #1 (2015)

**REDWING** Highly trained avian crimefighting companion of Falcon (Sam Wilson); the two share telepathic connection. *Captain America* #117 (1969)



SERSI

**ROCKET RACER** Robert Farrell. Criminal turned hero with a high-tech suit and a rocket-powered skateboard. *Amazing Spider-Man* #172 (1977)

**SABRA** Ruth Bat-Seraph. Israeli Mossad officer and state-sponsored superhero. Strength, welds bracelets that fire paralytic quills, flight-enabling cloak. *Incredible Hulk* #250 (1980)

**SATANA** Satana Hellstrom. Daughter of "Satan," sister of Daimon Hellstrom. Struggles with evil heritage while battling supernatural threats. *Vampire Tales* #2 (1973)

**SCARECROW/STRAW MAN** Though a Fear Lord, unlike his peers who prey on humanity, the Scarecrow is humanity's protector against the things that thrive on human terror. *Dead of Night* #11 (1975)

**SERSI** Polaris. Can manipulate molecules. Extremely long-lived, high-immutable. Circle of Homer's Odyssey. Eternal. *Avenger: Strange Tales* #709 (1963)

**SHAMROCK** Molly Fitzgerald. Irish gymnast and hairdresser. Unconsciously channels spirits of innocents killed by war that manifest as bursts of good luck. *Marvel Super Hero Contest of Champions* #1 (1982)

**SHROUD** Maximilian Coleridge. Blind vigilante with mystic senses and access to the Darkforce Dimension's energy. Martial artist. Sometimes pretends to be a gangster to infiltrate criminal underworld. *Super-Wide Team-Up* #5 (1976)

**SHURI** Younger sister of T'Challa, Wakanda's monarch and Black Panther. Has served in both roles when T'Challa could not. *Black Panther* #2 (2006)

**SILHOUETTE** Silhouette Chord. Teleportation via connection to the Darkforce Dimension. Martial artist. Gymnast. Utilizes weaponized cutlery to compensate for paralyzed legs. New Warrior. *New Warriors* #2 (1990)

**SILVER SABLE** Silver Sablinska. Sympathetic mercenary hero. Leads the Wild Pack. *Amazing Spider-Man* #265 (1985)

**SKAAR** Born on the planet Sakar to parents Hulk (Bruce Banner) and Calera. Super-strength. Stone-hard skin. Connection to Sakarian Old Power. Carries sword. *World War Hulk* #5 (2008)

**SKULL THE SLAYER** James Scully; sometimes Blazing Skull. Military pilot turned force warrior while trapped 222 million years in the past. Strength-enhancing belt, force field. *Skull the Slayer* #1 (1975)

**SLAPSTICK** Steve Harmon. Practical-joke-loving teen transformed into living unstable molecules by being molecularly discombobulated from going through a portal to Dimension X. A "living cartoon." Carries huge mallet. Glove has subspace storage for other items. New Warrior. *Slapstick* #1 (1992)

**SLEEPWALKER** Guardian of the Mindscape. Dwells within human Rick Sheridan's mind, and when Rick sleeps, Sleepwalker manifests into the real world. Strength. Can reshape physical matter. Levitation. *Sleepwalker* #1 (1991)

**SQUIRREL GIRL** Doreen Green. Enhanced physical abilities. Can verbally communicate with squirrels. *Avenger: Marvel Super Heroes* #8 (1982)



U.S.AGENT

**STEEL SPIDER** Oliver "Ollie" Dorick. Idolized both Dr. Octopus (Otto Octavius) and Spider-Man (Peter Parker). Designed costume and abilities based on both individuals. *Spectacular Spider-Man* #72 (1982)

**STINGRAY** Walter Newell. Sub-Mariner associate and oceanographer turned adventurer in a high-tech undersea suit. *Avenger: Tales to Astonish* #65 (1967)

**SUNGIRL** Sarah Burke. Heroic daughter of Lightmaster (Edward Lansky). Costume enables her to fly and project destructive light bolts. *Superior Spider-Man Team-Up* #7 (2013)

**SUNGIRL** Mary Mitchell. 1920s and 1940s crimefighter. Martial artist acrobat; "sunbeam ray" tech, slowed aging. Frequent partner of Human Torch (Jim Hammond). *Sun Girl* #1 (1948)

**TALISMAN** Australian mystic. Able to commune with Dreamtime dimension. *Marvel Super Hero Contest of Champions* #1 (1982)

**TERROR** An unidentified ancient warrior and mercenary cursed with immortality but forced to replace decaying body parts by stealing them from others. *St. George* #2 (1988)

**3-D MAN** Charles and Hal Chandler. Brothers transformed by alien beam. Charles reduced to image on Hal's glasses that could be released while Hal went comatose. Charles manifested as 3-D Man with three times a normal human's abilities. Role later assumed by Delroy Garrett Jr.; sometimes Triathlon. Disgraced athlete turned costumed hero with three times a normal human's physical abilities. (Chandler) *Marvel Premiere* #35 (1977); (Garrett) *Avengers* #8 (1966)

**THUNDERSTRIKE** After temporarily filling in for Thor Odinson, Eric Masterson received an enchanted Uru mace and the mantle of Thunderstrike. Control of weather. Strength. Son Kevin inherited mace and codename after Eric's death. (Eric) *Thor* #391 (1983); (Kevin) *Thor* #392 (1988)

**U.S. ARCHER** Ulysses Solarsen Archer. Truck driver turned intergalactic cargo pilot. Brother of archfow Highwayman (Jefferson Archer). Metal implant in skull picks up CB transmissions and controls his vehicles. *U.S. 1* #1 (1983)

**U.S.AGENT** John Walker. Super-strong government operative armed with Vibranium shield. Formerly the Super-Patriot and briefly Steve Rogers' replacement as Captain America. *Avenger: Captain America* #323 (1986)

**WARLOCK** Techno-organic extraterrestrial. Can transform body into nearly any form. New Mutants member. *X-Men: New Mutants* #18 (1984)

**WHITE TIGER** Costumed identity held by multiple wielders of a mystic tiger amulet that granted its wearer physical enhancements and martial arts mastery. Previously held by Hector Ayala (deceased) and ex-FBI agent Angela del Toro. Currently held by Hector's teen niece Ava Ayala. (Hector) *Deadly Hands of Kung Fu* #19 (1975); (del Toro) *Daredevil* #58 (2004); (Ava) *Avengers Academy* #20 (2011)

**COLLEEN WING** Japanese American. Samurai, sword-wielding private detective. Partner of former NYPD Detective Misty Knight. *Marvel Premiere* #19 (1974)

**X-MAN** Nate Grey. Genetically created. Immensely powerful psionic mutant. Originated from Reality-295 (the "Age of Apocalypse"). *X-Men* #1 (1995)

**ZOMBIE** Simon Garth. Wealthy coffee magnate turned mindless zombie. *Menace* #5 (1953)



QUAKE



SQUIRREL GIRL



X-MAN



# HISTORY OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE

## APPENDIX GROUPS



AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

**AGENTS OF ATLAS** A second team of superbeings gathered by Jimmy Woo; young Asian and Asian American heroes sponsored by the Atlas Foundation. *War of the Realms: New Agents of Atlas #1* (2019)

**AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.** Small group of S.H.I.E.L.D. agents who focused on superhuman cases. Members include Phil Coulson, Melinda "the Cavalry" May, Jemma Simmons, Daisy "Duke" Johnson and Leopold Fitz. *S.H.I.E.L.D. #1* (2015)

**BIG HERO 6** A Japanese government-sanctioned team of super heroes recruited and overseen by the Gini, a political and industrial think tank. Members include Hiro Takachiho, Baymax, Honey Lemon (Aiko Miyazaki), Go-Go Tomago (Leiko Tanaka), Fred and Wasabi-no-Ginger. *Sanfiro and Big Hero 6 #1* (2008)

**CHAMPIONS** Los Angeles-based super-team. Members include Hercules (Hercules), Black Widow (Natasha Romanoff), Iceman (Bobby Drake), Ghost Rider (Johnny Blaze) and Angel (Warren Worthington II). *Champions #1* (1975)

**CHAMPIONS** The next generation of heroes seeking to "enforce justice without unjust force." Founding members include Ms. Marvel (Kamala Khan), Nova (Sam Alexander), Spider-Man (Miles Morales), Viv Vision, Brawn (Amadeus Cho) and a time-traveling teen Cyclops (Scott Summers). *Champions #1-2* (2016)

**CLAN DESTINE** Family of long-lived, mystically powered superhumans based in the United Kingdom. *Marvel Comics Presents #158* (1994)

**DAMAGE CONTROL** An American construction firm that repairs damage caused by superhuman battles. *Marvel Age Annual #4* (1988)

**ENIGMA FORCE** Rebellious adventurers from the Microverse dimension who banded together to oppose genocidal tyrannical rulers. Members include Archurus Rann, former princess Marionette, and the Insectivore Bug. First appearance as Enigma Force: *Realm of Kings: Son of Hulk #1* (2010)

**EXILES** Gathered by the Timebroker from across multiple realities, an ever-changing roster of heroes, and sometimes villains, tasked with fixing damaged timelines. *Exiles #1* (2001)



CHAMPIONS (2016 TEAM)



GREAT LAKES AVENGERS

**GREAT LAKES AVENGERS** Would-be super heroes based in the Midwestern U.S. Founding members include Mr. Immortal (Craig Hollis), Flatman (Val Ventura), Dinah Soar, Doorman (DeMarr Davis) and Big Bertha (Ashley Crawford). *West Coast Avengers #46* (1989)

**IMPERIAL GUARD** The extraterrestrial Shi'ar Empire's legion of superhumanoid champions, composed of representatives from various worlds. Unflinchingly loyal to whoever holds the Empire's throne, the Guard has been both ally and opposition to Earth's heroes. *X-Men #107* (1977)

**NEXTWAVE SQUAD** Heroes manipulated by the reality-warping "Mr. Beyond" into serving as a corporate-sponsored team for the Beyond Corporation. Upon learning the corporation was secretly the terrorist cell SILENT, the team fought against it. Members include Elsa Bloodstone, the foul-mouthed Captain, Monica Rambeau, Tabitha Smith (Boom-Boom) and Aaron Stack (Machine Man). *Nextwave #1* (2006)

**SLINGERS** A quartet of young heroes assembled by 1940s hero Black Marvel (Dan Lyons). All four—Prodigy (Ritchie Gilmore), Homel (Eddie McDonough), Dusk (Cassie St. Commons) and Ricochet (Johnny Gallo)—were bestowed costumed guises once temporarily adopted by Spider-Man (Peter Parker). *Slingers #0* (1998)

**SQUADRON SUPREME** A prestigious assemblage of costumed heroes native to Reality-712 whose attempt to eradicate their world's societal ills through a global pacification program led to infighting, deaths of multiple members and the rise of a totalitarian government following the program's collapse. *Avengers #65* (1971)

**STARJAMMERS** A band of spacefaring freebooters formed to combat the tyranny of the Shi'ar Empire through acts of piracy. Members include longtime captain Corsair (Christopher Summers, the father of X-Man Cyclops), Hepibah, Ch'od, Sikorsky and Raza Longknife. *X-Men #104* (1977)



SQUADRON SUPREME



X-FACTOR INVESTIGATIONS

**WARRIORS THREE** Fandral the Dashing, Hogun the Grim and Volstagg the Enormous, Asgardian champions banded together to protect Asgard. *Journey into Mystery #19* (1965)

**WINTER GUARD** Previously the Soviet Super-Soldiers. A revolving roster of Russian superhumans assembled to represent their country and protect their people. Members include Darkstar (Laynia Petrova), Vanguard (Nikolai Krylenko) and Ursa Major (Nikolai Ursa). *Iron Man #109* (1978)

**X-FACTOR INVESTIGATIONS** A private investigations agency founded by mutant Jamie Madrox and composed of X-Men affiliates. Members include Layla Miller, Wolfsbane (Rahne Sinclair), M (Monet St. Croix), Shatterstar (Gaveedra-Seven), Rictor (Julio Richter), Stryx (Theresa Cassidy, later Banshee) and Strong Guy (Guido Carosella). *Madrox #1* (2004)

**X-MEN** A quartet of mutant students of Moira MacTaggart recruited by Charles Xavier to rescue the X-Men from the captivity of Krakoa the Living Island. Members include Vulcan (Gabriel Summers), Petra, Sway (Suzanne Chan) and Darwin (Amanda Munoz). *X-Men: Deadly Genesis #4* (2006)

**X-TERMINATORS** X-Factor's young mutant wards. Fought to prevent demons from using abducted infant mutants to open a portal between Limbo (Otherplace) and Earth. Four of the group's members—Rusty Collins, Rictor (Julio Richter), Skids (Sally Blawie) and Boom-Boom (Tabitha Smith)—joined the New Mutants thereafter. *X-Terminators #1* (1988)

**YOUNG AVENGERS** Group of young heroes with ties to the Avengers assembled by Iron Lad (a young Nathaniel Richards before he became Kang the Conqueror) to combat his adult self. Members included Wiccan (Billy Kaplan), Hulkling (Teddy Altman), Patriot (Elijah Bradley), Stature (Cassie Lang), Speed (Tommy Shepherd), Hawkeye (Kate Bishop) and Vision (Jonas). *Young Avengers #1* (2005)



YOUNG AVENGERS